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Farmers will soon have the opportunity to set the record straight about the issues that affect them – and to help ensure that policies and programs are based on accurate, real-world data. This is the goal of the annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beginning December 27, NASS field offices started contacting approximately 35,000 farmers nationwide by mail or phone to complete the survey. Producers will be asked to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household characteristics.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR CORN AND SOYBEANS UP

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for Corn for December averaged \$4.60 per bushel, an increase of \$0.43 from the November price. Soybeans were up \$0.60, to a December price of \$11.10 per bushel.

The all beef cattle price for December was \$88.00 per cwt., an increase of \$2.60 from the November price.

The all milk price for December, at \$17.00 per cwt., was down \$0.60 from November.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was up 1 point from November. The Crop Index is up 2 points but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.	-----Minnesota-----		
	Dec 2010 1/	Dec 2009 2/	Nov 2010 2/	Dec 2010 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu	3.98	3/	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	25.00	31.20	28.40	3/
Corn, bu	4.94	3.51	4.17	4.60
Hay, All Baled, ton	112.00	106.00	102.00	93.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton.....	121.00	120.00	110.00	100.00
Other, Baled, ton	94.60	80.00	70.00	75.00
Oats, bu	2.74	1.96	2.57	2.60
Potatoes, cwt	8.52	7.25	6.35	3/
Soybeans, bu.....	11.70	9.63	10.50	11.10
Sunflowers, All, cwt	21.20	21.20	20.60	21.90
Wheat, All, bu.....	7.05	4.74	5.37	6.97
Calves, cwt.....	128.00	107.00	125.00	132.00
Cattle, All Beef,cwt 4/.....	97.60	73.20	85.40	88.00
Cows, cwt, 5/.....	54.20	46.40	54.90	55.80
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	104.00	81.00	97.80	101.00
Milk Cows, head 6/	--	--	--	--
Hogs, All, cwt 7/	51.90	47.40	49.00	--
Barrows & Gilts, cwt 7/	52.20	47.50	49.00	--
Sows, cwt 7/	48.90	31.50	43.20	--
Lambs, cwt 8/	--	95.90	147.00	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	46.20	56.30	--
Milk, All, cwt	16.80	16.90	17.60	17.00

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 7/ State level prices discontinued Dec. 2010 & will only be published at US level thereafter. 8/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010
Prices Received	136	135	159	160
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	178	178	188	191
Parity Ratio 1/.....	76	76	85	84

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Dec 2009 1/	Nov 2010 1/	Dec 2010 2/
All Farm Products.....	135	159	160
Crops	150	177	179
Meat Animals	105	123	127
Dairy Products.....	126	137	129
Poultry & Eggs	140	161	154

* Revised. 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT FROM SEPTEMBER

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.7 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010, up 7 percent from last year and up 4 percent from September 1, 2010. Breeding hogs totaled 560 thousand head, unchanged from a year earlier. Market hogs and pigs, at 7.14 million head, were up 8 percent from a year ago.

Minnesota's September-November 2010 pig crop totaled 2.84 million head, up 3 percent from a year earlier and up 1 percent from the June-August 2010 pig crop. The 280 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.15 pigs per litter, up from 10.05 a year ago.

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 8 percent from the same period a year earlier. Producers also intend to farrow 295 thousand sows during the March-May 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 5 percent from the same period in 2010.

FARROWING INTENTIONS

State	SOWS TO FARROW			
	Dec. '10- Feb. '11	2011 as % of 2010	Mar. '11- May '11	2011 as % of 2010
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
CO	73	103	72	100
IL	260	100	260	96
IN	145	104	150	103
IA	460	99	470	100
KS	89	109	89	106
MI	52	96	53	100
MN	285	108	295	105
MO	180	92	185	97
NE	180	106	180	100
NC	445	91	430	89
OH	86	97	87	98
OK	185	97	185	97
PA	45	96	48	98
SD	85	108	86	100
TX	28	97	28	93
UT	43	110	41	98
Other States 1/	215	104	204	95
US	2,856	99	2,863	98

1/ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 other States.

DECEMBER 1, 2010, HOG INVENTORIES AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2010 FARROWINGS

STATE	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET HOGS & PIGS						SOWS FARROWED SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER			
	Number	2010 as % of 2009	Number	2010 as % of 2009	Under 50 Pounds	50-119 Pounds	120-179 Pounds	180+ Pounds	TOTAL		2010	2010 As % Of 2009	Pigs per Litter	Pig Crop 1/
									Number	2010 as % of 2009				
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>-----1,000-----</u>				<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000</u>
CO	720	101	150	100	265	105	70	130	570	102	70	101	9.70	679
IL	4,300	101	480	100	1,230	1,180	730	680	3,820	101	260	102	9.60	2,496
IN	3,650	101	290	104	1,040	950	670	700	3,360	101	145	107	9.60	1,392
IA	18,900	99	1,020	100	4,500	5,600	4,330	3,450	17,880	99	475	99	10.05	4,774
KS	1,810	100	170	94	490	365	280	505	1,640	101	78	93	9.45	737
MI	1,040	96	110	100	300	240	190	200	930	96	51	91	9.90	505
MN	7,700	107	560	100	2,430	2,160	1,380	1,170	7,140	108	280	102	10.15	2,842
MO	2,900	94	355	99	1,065	605	410	465	2,545	93	175	92	10.00	1,750
NE	3,100	100	375	101	910	830	570	415	2,725	100	175	100	10.10	1,768
NC	8,800	92	840	90	2,850	1,970	1,660	1,480	7,960	92	450	88	10.00	4,500
OH	2,030	101	170	103	655	545	400	260	1,860	101	89	102	9.40	837
OK	2,330	102	410	100	790	410	270	450	1,920	102	185	100	9.70	1,795
PA	1,110	97	100	100	240	340	200	230	1,010	97	48	104	10.10	485
SD	1,290	108	170	117	380	285	220	235	1,120	107	87	109	10.30	896
TX	660	87	60	100	160	140	130	170	600	86	30	100	8.60	258
UT	740	101	80	107	260	135	130	135	660	101	40	100	10.05	402
Other States 2/	3,245	98	438	96	999	659	568	581	2,807	98	209	96	9.74	2,035
US 3/	64,325	99	5,778	99	18,564	16,519	12,208	11,256	58,547	99	2,847	98	9.89	28,151

1/ Number of pigs born September-November that were on hand December 1 or had been sold.

2/ Other States estimates include 34 remaining States.

3/ May not add due to rounding.

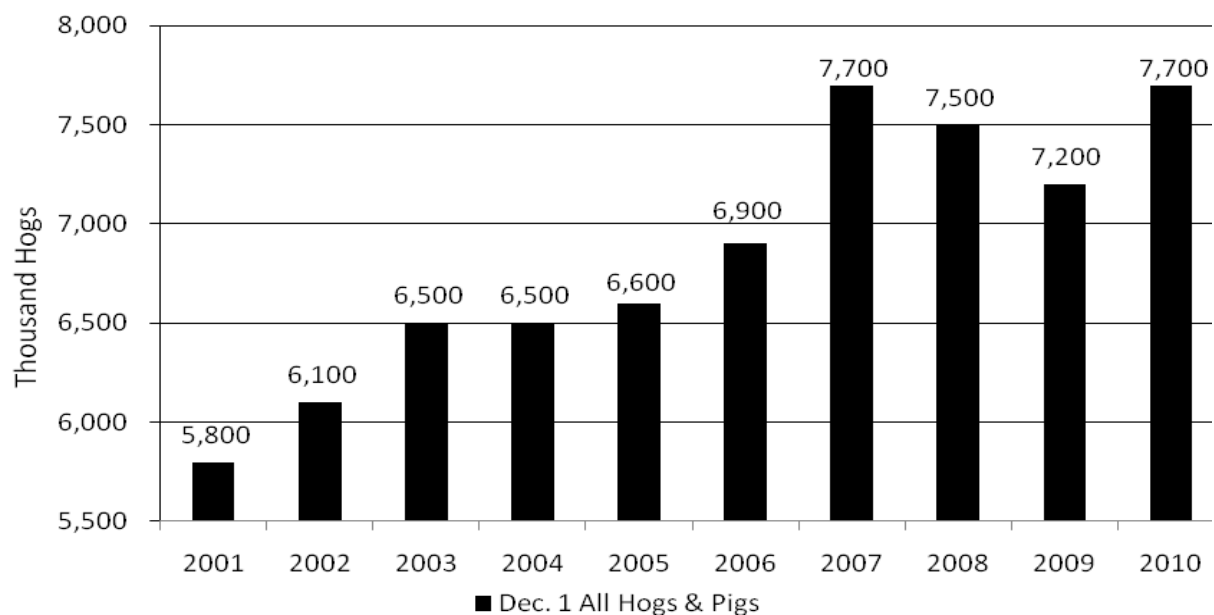
**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2009-2010**

Month	Sows Farrowing ¹		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ¹	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Number	Number	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
Dec ²	997	973	9.50	9.62	9,475	9,358
Jan	1,013	960	9.45	9.58	9,576	9,197
Feb	1,001	940	9.49	9.62	9,501	9,042
Mar	1,009	982	9.56	9.76	9,650	9,588
Apr	1,003	972	9.61	9.84	9,644	9,560
May	1,006	976	9.66	9.82	9,718	9,582
Jun	996	976	9.71	9.78	9,673	9,549
Jul	986	968	9.70	9.83	9,567	9,515
Aug	978	963	9.69	9.82	9,478	9,448
Sep	994	967	9.71	9.89	9,647	9,564
Oct	965	944	9.70	9.90	9,364	9,350
Nov	956	936	9.68	9.87	9,249	9,237
Total	11,904	11,555	9.62	9.78	114,542	112,989

1/ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

2/ December preceding year.

Minnesota Hog Inventory 2001-2010



U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

NOVEMBER EGG OUTPUT UP 3 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 243 million eggs during November 2010 versus 235 million in November 2009. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.54 billion eggs in November, nearly equal to a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - NOVEMBER

		2009	2010
Total Eggs Produced	MN	235 Mil.	243 Mil.
	U.S.	7,569 Mil.	7,541 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.4 Mil.	10.5 Mil.
	U.S.	338.1 Mil.	337.8 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,267	2,309
	U.S.	2,239	2,232
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (Nov)			
Egg-Type	U.S.	34.5 Mil.	38.9 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	705.4 Mil.	740.7 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (December 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	9.3 Mil.	8.2 Mil.
	U.S.	38.3 Mil.	37.4 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	27.1 Mil.	29.7 Mil.
	U.S.	628.2 Mil.	637.5 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (Nov)			
	WNC*	9.7 Mil.	9.6 Mil.
	U.S.	22.0 Mil.	22.1 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (December 1)			
	WNC*	10.9 Mil.	11.7 Mil.
	U.S.	26.0 Mil.	28.3 Mil.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

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